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FROM :

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FROM SALAL

MASTER

1. ONTRICH TALKED WITH SAFFRON-1 NIGHT 22 JUNE, LATTER FEEL-  
ING VERY DEPRESSED AND SURE OPERATION HAS FAILED. SAID SAFFRON  
ALSO FELT VERY BAD. ONTRICH DID EVERY THING POSSIBLE TO PEP HIM  
UP ASSURING HIM AIR POWER WAS NOW READY FOR USE. SAFFRON-1 FELT  
THIS COULD HAVE BEEN USED FIRST DAY TO SHOW POWER. SAYS PEOPLE  
NOW RELUCTANT TO BELIEVE FRIENDLY FORCES HAVE POWER TO SUCCEED AND  
PROPAGANDA PUT OUT BY WSBURN'S LAST FOUR DAYS RE FOREIGN MERCENARY  
FORCES HAS NOT HELPED THE SITUATION.

2. FEELS WSHOOF'S BADLY COMPROMISED AND NOTHING WILL STOP  
SPREAD OF COMMUNISM THROUGHOUT CENTRAL AMERICA IF WE FAIL. CLAIMS  
THIS WILL BE LAST CHANCE FOR LONG TIME TO STOP WSBURNT, AND LONG  
TIME BEFORE WSHOOF'S OR KMFLUSH WILL PARTICIPATE SUCH OPERATIONS  
SINCE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE FIRST TO RECEIVE RETALIATION BLOW FROM  
WSBURNT.

3. SAFFRON-1 REPORTED THREE BOMBS, ONE A DUD, DROPPED SAN

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PEDRO DE COPAN 1300 JUNE 22 BY WSBURNT PLANE. DEMONSTRATION BACKED BY LIBERALS PLANNED BY UNIVERSITY GROUP TEGU 1600 JUNE 23. THIS WORRIES GOVT GREAT DEAL. GIVES LIBERAL PARTY ELECTION TIMBER. SAFFRON 1 FEELS THAT IF SOME POWER IS NOT DEMONSTRATED IMMEDIATELY, SUCH AS CAPTURE OF ZACAPA, PUBLIC SENTIMENT EVEN IN WSHOOFS WILL TURN AGAINST MOVEMENT.

4. ASSURANCE OF STRONG AIR POWER ONLY THING THAT PICKED SAFFRON 1 UP SOME. IF THIS DOES NOT MATERIALIZE WE CAN EXPECT WSHOOFS AID TO FALTER. HE CASUALLY MENTIONED HE MAY EVEN TAKE TRIP OUT OF COUNTRY. 231615Z.

END OF MESSAGE

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